

Inadvertent tip to Soviet denied

Washington (AP)—The White House denied yesterday that Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's senior national security adviser, inadvertently tipped the Soviet Union to U.S. intelligence secrets when he told reporters the Russians had fired on a South Korean airliner.

Reports Tuesday said that U.S. intelligence specialists were concerned that Mr. Brzezinski's comments might have given the Russians a clue to the effectiveness of U.S. monitoring of Russian air defenses.

"Those stories are flatly incorrect," Jody Powell, Mr. Carter's press secretary, told a news briefing.

Mr. Powell indicated yesterday that the Russians already knew of this U.S. intelligence capability.